क्रम सं०	सर्किल का नाम	राशि
7.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	138.00
8.	जम्मू और कश्मीर	40.00
9.	कर्नाटक	378.00
10.	केरल	461.00
11.	मध्य प्रदेश	429.00
12.	महाराष्ट्र	496.00
13.	उत्तर पूर्व	81.00
14.	उड़ीसा	141.00
15.	पंजाब	302.00
16.	राजस्थान	332.00
17.	तमिलनाडु	373.00
18.	उत्तर प्रदेश (पश्चिम)	242.00
19.	उत्तर प्रदेश (पूर्व)	215.00
20.	पश्चिम बंगाल	153.00
21.	कलकत्ता फोन्स	132.00
22.	मद्रास फोन्स	234.00
23.	एमटीएलएल बंबई और दिल्ली	943.00

Allegations against Red Line bus operators

*56. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Red Line bus operators are involved in stabbing, rape, arson, pickpocketing etc. in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to make the lives of commuters, especially the ladies, tension free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes Sir. The Government have come to know of some such cases of stabbing. rape, pick-pocketing etc. in Redline buses.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Delhi Police to check/ prevent crimes and thereby to make the lives of commuters especially ladies tension free:—

(i) Staff in plain clothes is detailed to check such incidents at bus stands as well as in Buses.

(ii) Buses are being checked frequently to prevent the above incidents.

(iii) Patrolling parties have been briefed to keep close watch at Bus Stands while patrolling in the areas.

(iv) Traps are being organised to apprehend the bad elements during peak hours.

(vi) Instructions have been issued to the staff concerned for taking immediate action under the provisions of law as and when such incidents comes to the notice.

(vi) Drive has been launched to make it compulsory for both the driver and conductor to wear PSV (Public Safety Vehicle) badges, which is given only to those who have undergone police verification.

Besides the State Transport Authority, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has taken the following steps:—

(1) In September, 1993, the STA issued public notice that whenever a case of molestation occurs in buses, the drivers or conductors shall stop the bus immediately and summon the police or take the bus to the nearest police post. This notice was issued among other things to enable the STA to take action against permit holders, drivers and conductors pending criminal investigation and decision of the Courts in cases involving rape, molestation etc. This instruction has been reiterated very recently also.

(2) Regular review of Redline bus services is undertaken by the Transport Department in coordination with the Law enforcing agencies. In a meeting on 19-10-1995 the case of a rape committed by the bus crew on route No. 423 on 4-9-1995 came up for discussion and it was decided to cancel the permit of the bus after following the procedural formalities.

(3) In view of the high rate of accidents and other offences committed by the Redline buses, the STA under Section 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 has delegated the powers to the Joint Directors and Deputy Directors of Transport Department and Assistant Commissioners of Police of Delhi Traffic Police to take action for suspension of permits under Section 86 of the said Act.

(4) Mobile Courts have been proposed to be set up to try cases relating to traffic offences and other violations committed by the vehicles in Delhi.

(5) The question of amending the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to give stringent punishment for various offences relating to traffic is being looked into by a sub-committee formed by the Transport Development Council.

International Seminar on Privatisation of Ports

*57. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two-day International Seminar on privatisation of ports has been held in India recently;

(b) if so, the main points discussed in the Seminar;

(c) the extent to which the discussions have helped Government in privatisation of ports;

(d) whether any concrete decision in this regard has been scheduled; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Various aspects of Ports such as efficiency, privatisation, legal environment and response of labour in the context of country's Maritime Trade were discussed in the Seminar.

(c) and (d) It provided an opportunity to Government and port officials to interact with Port Users and Port Labour on various issues. No formal decisions were taken.

(e) Does not arise.

Repair of N.H. No. 43

*58. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor condition of National Highway No. 43;

(b) whether there is a need to improve and repair this National Highway particularly from Nawarangpur and Raipur;

(c) whether there is also a need to widen Nawarangpur portion of the National Highway and also to raise the level of the road from the hills to Salur town; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) National Highway No. 43 is maintained